



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 2188-274]

NorthWestern Corporation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Non-capacity Amendment of License
- b. Project No: 2188-274
- c. Date Filed: July 14, 2022¹
- d. Applicant: NorthWestern Corporation (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project consists of nine hydroelectric developments located on the Madison and Missouri Rivers in Gallatin, Madison, Lewis and Clark, and Cascade counties, in southwestern Montana.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mary Gail Sullivan, Director, Environmental and Lands, Northwestern Corporation, 11 East Park Street Butte, Montana 59701, (406) 497-3382, marygail.sullivan@northwestern.com and John Tabaracci, Senior Corporate Counsel, Northwestern Corporation, 208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 205, Helena, Montana 59601 (406) 443-8983, john.tabaracci@northwestern.com
- i. FERC Contact: Jeremy Jessup, (202) 502-6779, Jeremy.Jessup@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: August 22, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC

¹ The July 14, 2022 filing supersedes a July 6, 2022 filing.

Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2188-274. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: The licensee proposes to replace the Black Eagle Development's Unit 3 turbine and refurbish the generators for Units 1 and 3. The proposed upgrade will result in a 2.1 megawatt (MW) increase in the authorized installed capacity of the development, to 23.90 MW, and will result in an increase to the hydraulic capacity of the development of 11%, from 5,691 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 6,342 cfs. The licensee also proposes to replace the Cochrane Development's Unit 2 turbine and rewind its generator. The proposed upgrade will result in a 11.0 MW decrease in the authorized installed capacity of the development, to 48.90 MW, and will decrease the hydraulic capacity of the development 20%, from 10,800 cfs to 8,640 cfs. The proposed actions will result in the total authorized installed capacity for the project decreasing from 327.37 MW to 318.47 MW. The licensee states that the upgrades will have no measurable effect on the operation of the project and only a minor effect on hydraulic flows.

l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Location of the Orders Issuing New License: This order may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

- n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- o. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- p. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: July 21, 2022.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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